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SPAWAR Completes Relocation to San Diego

SAN DIEGO — The Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) will officially complete its move and transition from the Washington, D.C. area and open its San Diego headquarters in a special Transition Ceremony Wednesday, October 1st at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be held in front of the newly renovated SPAWAR headquarters building (Building #4) in Old Town, located at 4301 Pacific Highway (formerly the old Air Force Plant 19 complex).

The principal speaker for the ceremony will be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, the Honorable John W. Douglass. San Diego's Deputy Mayor, Ms. Barbara Warden will also speak at the ceremony and read a proclamation from Mayor Susan Golding proclaiming the day as "SPAWAR Day." RADM George F.A. Wagner, Commander of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, will speak and preside over the ceremony.

The relocation of SPAWAR's headquarters from Crystal City, in the Washington, D.C. area, to San Diego came about as a result of a 1995 Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) decision. The move of the SPAWAR headquarters staff and an associated program executive office staff, which began in April of 1996, resulted in the establishment of more than 1,000 new jobs in San Diego.

SPAWAR directs the development, acquisition, and life cycle management of command, control, communications, computers, intelligence; surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems for Navy, Marine Corps, selected joint service, allied nation and other government agency programs. The SPAWAR "corporation," which consists of the headquarters staff, a program executive office and three major Systems Centers in San Diego; Charleston, South Carolina and Norfolk, Virginia, includes more than 5,000 engineers and scientists, computer specialists, contract professionals, project managers, equipment installers, technicians and administrative support personnel.

The ceremony is open to the general public. Members of the general public who wish to attend are requested to call the SPAWAR Public Affairs Office at 524-3470 for more information.

Media Advisory for Assignment Editors:

News Media representatives interested in covering the ceremony are asked to contact Ms. Janet Mescus, SPAWAR Media Relations, at 524-3434 regarding directions, parking and additional ceremony information.

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